

the aged, handicapped children admission to university hospitals, state-county admission to university hospitals, special aids to school age children, etc., must be considered before approving a grant from the veterans trust fund for non-emergency medical care.

(6) **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION.** Except in the case of medical emergency, prior authorization must be obtained for health care aid. In the case of medical emergency, health care aid may be granted for medical and dental care received within the 10 day period prior to receipt by the department of a valid notice that treatment has been or is being received for an emergency condition.

(7) **PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS.** Where payment for medical or hospital bills has been approved by the department, final payment will be made only when itemized medical or hospital statements are submitted in duplicate.

(8) **FURNISHING OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.** Major medical appliances and equipment required for rehabilitation, to continue employment or maintain life may, notwithstanding the provisions of VA 2.01 (4) (a), Wis. Adm. Code, be provided for use as long as medically necessary, but if purchased by the department ownership thereof will remain with the department.

(9) **EVIDENCE REQUIRED.** Temporary emergency aid will be granted only if the department has sufficient evidence in its files upon which to base such aid. When deemed necessary, direct investigation may be made prior to acting upon an application.

(10) **DELINQUENT LOANS NOT A BAR.** A delinquent loan shall not bar temporary emergency aid from the department, but such emergency aid shall not be used to repay a department loan in whole or in part.

(11) **DUPLICATION OF ASSISTANCE.** When assistance applied for under this section is available from other agencies, excepting only general relief, emergency aid may not be approved except as a supplement to such other assistance, but emergency aid may not be used to duplicate assistance provided by other agencies including general relief.

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VA 2.02 Educational grants for correspondence courses and part-time classroom study. Students who are veterans and establish eligibility for reimbursement of the cost of enrolled part-time classroom study courses or direct correspondence courses under the provisions of this section may be reimbursed in whole or in part for the cost of such courses to the extent authorized under this section.

(1) **RELATION TO OBJECTIVES.** Courses must be related to the student's occupational, professional, or educational objectives.

(2) **EXTENT OF REIMBURSEMENT.** A student may be reimbursed to the extent that payment or reimbursement specifically for tuition, fees and required textbooks is not available from any other source or in cases where reimbursement from another source is not specifically for tuition, fees and required textbooks, reimbursement from the department may be made to the extent that reimbursement from another source is insufficient to cover all of the costs incurred in connection with the student's educational program including but not limited to the costs of

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food, housing, utilities, transportation and medical or dental treatment. Such reimbursement shall not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, and required textbooks.

(3) **APPROVED SCHOOLS.** To be reimbursed a student must be enrolled at an approved school. Approved schools are limited to those in the University of Wisconsin System, those receiving aid from the Vocational, Technical, and Adult Education Board, those located in Wisconsin which are approved by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and to the public or private high schools in Wisconsin.

(4) **DEFINITION OF PART-TIME STUDY.** *Part-time classroom study during a regular college semester, trimester or quarter means enrollment by a graduate or professional student in courses for which no more than 7, or enrollment by an undergraduate student in courses for which no more than 11, semester or the equivalent trimester or quarter credits will be given upon satisfactory completion. In this subsection a graduate student means any student who has received a baccalaureate degree whether the student is taking graduate or undergraduate courses. Part-time classroom study during a summer semester or session shall be defined as study considered to be part-time by the educational institution being attended. (Italicized language from s. 45.396, Stats.)*

(5) **DEGREE LIMITATIONS.** Any student who has obtained a master's degree or its equivalent is ineligible for grants under this section. Any student who has obtained at least a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, but not a master's degree or its equivalent, is not eligible for grants under this section if the student has remaining federal veterans administration education benefits. For the purposes of this subsection an LLB degree shall be deemed to be the equivalent of a master's degree.

(6) **APPLICATION DEADLINE.** To be approved an application must be received by the department prior to the termination of the course for which application for reimbursement is made. Reimbursement will be made only if the student satisfactorily completes either the course listed on the application, or a substitute course offered by the same school in the same semester or other school term, which substitute course has not been satisfactorily completed by the date of the application and which otherwise meets the conditions of this section.

(7) **NOTICE OF COMPLETION.** The student will be reimbursed for the cost of tuition, fees and required textbooks to the extent authorized, upon receipt of a certificate of satisfactory completion signed by the approved school's veterans coordinator listing the official satisfactory completion date and the costs of tuition, fees, and required textbooks.

(8) **LIMITATIONS.** Reimbursement for fees shall be limited to those fees which are mandatory and uniform for the courses in which the student is enrolled and which are paid to schools set forth in sub. (3), and reimbursement shall not include the cost or value of meals and lodging which may be included in such fees. Reimbursement for tuition shall be limited to tuition paid to schools set forth in sub. (3).

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